

Immaculate Conception Pastoral Council Minutes
Wednesday, October 15, 2008
Immaculate Conception Heritage Room

Members Present: Fr. Colter, Kevin Davis, Ken Thoma, Gary Mangrich, Rhonda Bloes, Tim Horrigan, Becky Berch, Teresa Fischels, Paula Vandebous, and recording secretary Janet Reiter.

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

The Council prayed the Our Father to open the meeting.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes.

Gary Mangrich moved to approve the agenda and the minutes. Rhonda Bloes seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Education: Tim Horrigan brought the enrollment report to the meeting for the council to look at. The trend in our area is good. We have been stable in the last four years. Father said we need to concentrate on improved quality of education despite the smaller school/enrollment that we have here. The board discussed plans for the future, including plans for a 100+ school maintaining a quality education. The new website design should be up soon.

Spiritual Growth & Liturgy: Teresa reported that appropriate music for weddings and funerals was discussed. The committee suggested having a few young and talented musicians in the parish play the piano before 8:00 AM Mass. Teresa Fischels brought the curtains that she had made for the Heritage Room. The curtains will be available for wedding parties to use to provide privacy. Discussion was held on the Mass schedule for Christmas Eve and how we can avoid turning people away with out overcrowding. The tentative Mass schedule is 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM at IC and 6:00 PM at St. Joseph on Christmas Eve and 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Christmas Day. Fr. Colter said this is an experiment to see if it helps with the overcrowding. The next Spiritual Growth and Liturgy committee meeting will be November 5th at 6:30 PM.

Community Life and Social Concerns: Harvestfest this weekend.

Rosary Society: Paula Vandebos said that we still only have three houses for the Christmas Tour of Homes. Considering asking St. Joseph Parish if they would like to join us in a two parish project.

Finance and Administration:

PARISH COUNCIL STATUS OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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| Checking Acct. Balance 9-30-08 | \$13,367.76 | |
| I.C. Improvement Fund | \$189,911.87 | |
| Income for September | \$51,738.77 | Adult Budget = \$45,575.33 |
| Expenses for September | \$66,206.71 | |

Note:

1. The parish is current with all school assessments.

Buildings and Grounds: Discussion was held on the shingles on the rectory. Denny Staebell Home Improvement, Inc. will take a look at them early next spring to see what needs to be done. It is too late for any repairs this year. Janet will bring the information regarding the steeple repair to the next meeting.

Deanery Council: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Fr. Colter asked if the council would like to be apprised at every month the status of the building project. The Council said they would. Father said that the plans are preliminary. The core group will meet with the Educational Development and Campaigns along with director Paul Frommelt. The plans must be approved by the Archdiocesan Building Commission. Father met with Jim Osterberger yesterday. They looked at the plans and toured the existing buildings to consider the best use of space.

NEW BUSINESS

A. The Council discusses the property for sale.

B. Fr. Colter will ask Rich Earles, Risk Manager for the Archdiocese, about "no skateboarding" signs. Will they save us from any liability?

C. Kevin read a letter from the Waterloo Council of Catholic Women concerning donations from local ACCW chapters. Janet will forward the letter to Karen Rottinghaus, an active ACCW member from our parish.

D. Janet was excused so the council could discuss the recommendations of the Finance Council regarding her insurance.

Motion by Ken Thoma seconded by Becky Bertch: the PC rejects the first recommendation of the Finance Council which reads, "The current policy of Immaculate Conception Church is not to furnish health insurance benefits to full or part time parish staff." Reason: the Parish Council sees no need to set such a policy but would rather leave room for negotiation with prospective employees.

Motion by Ken Thoma seconded by Becky Bertch: the PC accepts the second recommendation of the Finance Council which reads, "...pay the portion of premium that IC parish is responsible for directly to Janet to apply toward insurance premiums through the end of the current 2008 calendar year."

Meeting adjourns at 9pm. *(I didn't get the names of the motion-makers!)*

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 12, 2008. 7:00 PM in the Heritage Room

Respectfully submitted

Janet Reiter
Parish Secretary